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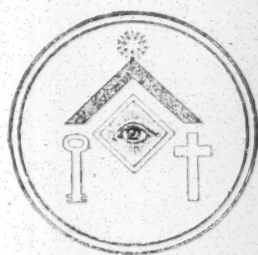
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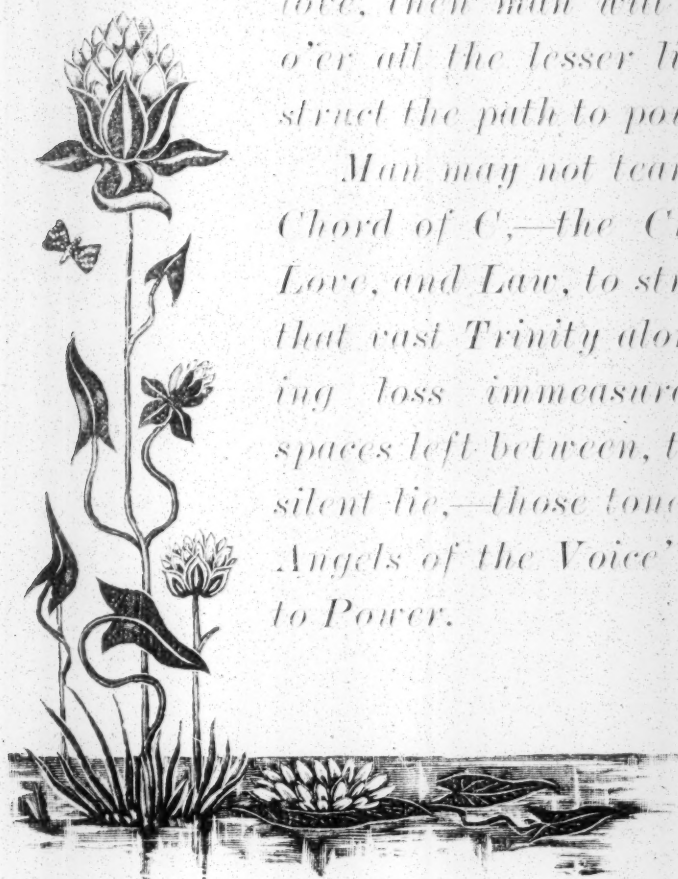


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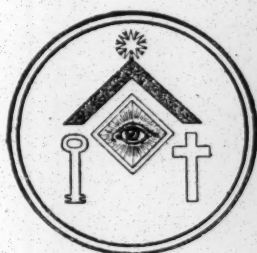
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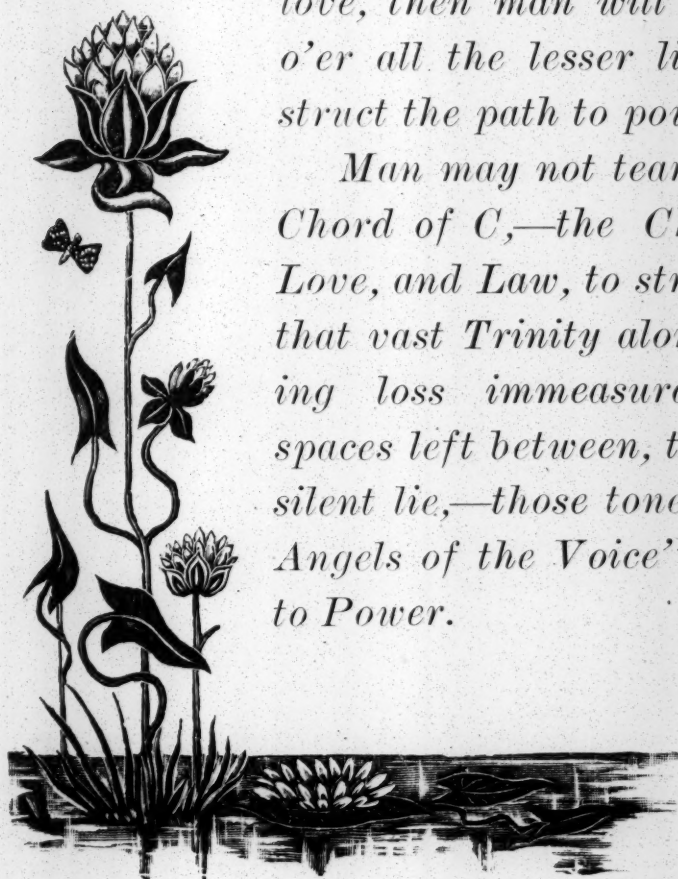


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A LETTER FROM THE MASTER.

TEMPLE TEACHINGS. OPEN SERIES. No. CXXXIX.

My Children:

Among your number there are a few disciples who might benefit from a little advice I feel impelled to offer; for like other warm-hearted, spiritually hungry souls they are in danger of being exploited by those fiends in human guise,—tools of black magicians, who continually lie in wait for new victims of their avarice and cunning.

I refer to those misnamed teachers of Occultism who claim to be receiving directions from some high spiritual force, or directly from the Initiates of the "Great White Lodge" and who pour forth volumes of platitudes in flowery or abstruse language specially designed to deceive new and untried disciples, until such time as they have compromised or partially Psychologized the latter, before their motives become apparent. Unfortunately when that time arrives previous warnings are of little avail.

Place an unscaleable barrier between yourself and the person who offers you *rapid* spiritual development, or the possession of the powers of practical occultism at the cost of little or no effort on your own part, or who offers to teach you the secrets of such attainment for a set price.

If you are familiar with the book of "The Golden Precepts," or with any other reliable work on practical Occultism, you will have seen that there are certain inviolable rules to be obeyed, certain unalterable conditions to be fulfilled before it is even possible for you to take the first step on the "Secret Path"—the Path of Power. If you feel a strong attraction in that direction, I would advise that you read and thoroughly digest such information as may be found in authentic works on the subject, and then create a mental mirror in which, by the aid of your Higher Self, your conscience, your knowledge of your personal self, your dominant characteristics, proceed to hold that self before the mirror, and with an earnest petition for enlightenment, question that mirror as to what are the probabilities of your being able to live up to those rules and fulfil the conditions, and abide by the answers.

Ask that mirrored form what is the extent of its will-power? of its power of endurance? its ability for sacrifice, such sacrifice as is demanded of the true Neophyte? In 999 instances out of 1000 the answer will be: "I have neither power nor ability commensurate with the demand." But then, beware lest immediately there begin

to form a series of desire-pictures upon the surface of that mirror, expressions of intense longing, memories of sacrifices previously made, such pictures as generally obsess the mind that has been denied some indulgence. Little by little the "lions in the path" will seem to disappear; the weaknesses of will and mind and physical limitations will seem as of less consequence, until finally naught remains but a picture of the lower self in abject submission, the Higher Self triumphant. Such is the power of the lower self if even temporarily divorced from that light of the Higher Self. If the glamour of lower desire is permitted to blind you to the warnings received, and to the dictates of conscience, a false sensation of peace may follow and a desire to acquaint others with the fact that at last you believe you are on the path to unlimited power; and then—why then you have become a fit subject for the exploiter who is very apt to appear, and unless you have been so fortunate as to have been under the protection of a true Initiate, there is sore disappointment in store for you. All too many ignorant victims of such exploiters have been forced into utter rejection of all truth, the submersion of all hope and faith after awakening to the fact that they have been purposely deceived by some false teacher aided by the desires of the lower mind.

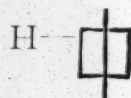
Bear carefully in mind that not one of the rules given for your guidance is unnecessary; not one of the directions is superfluous; not one of the sacrifices demanded is useless. Remember that a perfectly sound body and a sound mind are essentials for a practical Occultist, without which it would be impossible to pass the requisite physical tests; and remembering all these things be content to travel the path of the heart, the path of the child, until such time as you may have gained the power to tread the harder path, if that power has not yet been gained, accepting and being content with the guidance of "those who know" until in *their* eyes, instead of yours *alone*, you are capable of taking the next step in safety. The peace that will come to you as a result of such submission will be a lasting peace, however, great the warfare about you. You will be content to await recognition by others instead of claiming it as a right. You will recognize your father's face, your mother's hand, and will no more desire to wander in strange places. Soul sight—Intuition will come, and with its coming will also come the power of Discrimination.

My Child, hold up that mental mirror and make sure of your self, your strength, your power to serve *aright*, ere you ignorantly

put yourself into the hands of one who may guide you into the great abyss instead of to the mountain top.

If you should find that the heights are unattainable to you to-day, remember that another day is coming. Yet also remember that the first step must be taken by every human being therefore must be taken by you, and be not discouraged or dismayed if you stumble in the taking.

Remember that you, as a Templar, have demanded of the Great White Lodge a chance to climb. Having made this demand your feet have been placed on the first rung of the ladder; hold fast; let nothing rob you of your opportunity, so shall it be well with you.



THEOGENESIS.

COMMENTARIES ON THE SEVEN STANZAS OF DZYAN GIVEN TO
THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE NEW HUMANITY.

STANZA 1.

1. Since Fohat gathered two lines of fire in a close embrace, forming a circle of flame to make room for the feet of the Fifth, have the demi-Gods been filling that cosmic field with images of themselves.

2. To and fro have the first born run, darting behind each Flaming Sword that sprang from the head of the Mighty One, while seeking for Pasture against the day of the birth of the great Red Cow. The milk of that cow will gather and flow in rivers of Water and Wine to quench the thirst of the twice-born Lords of the Sacred Mystic Fire.

Fohat, the first-born Son of Sound, is motion *per se*, from its highest aspect. In Biblical phraseology "God *moved* upon the face of the Waters," the Waters here meaning the Inter-theric Energy then in a periodical state of chaos—the Great Deep of undifferentiated, primordial substance. In other words, Infinite Power (God), as a result of the action of Infinite Will, arouses the quiescent energy of light resident in undifferentiated substance, and so re-established polarity. Polarity is disestablished at the close of every great age and the beginning of a cosmic pralaya—an age long sleep—a period of darkness. By the establishment of polarity the Inter-Etheric Space is thrown into violent motion. The rates of motion then established must be decreased gradually into various degrees of vibration before it is possible to throw the

primordial substance of which Ether is the base into form of any character.

"Fohat gathered two lines of Fire (Fire here standing for Akasha) into a close embrace," *i. e.*, circumscribed space by means of the two lines (the two currents of Akashic Energy—Spiritual energy—set up by Fohat); lowered the rate of motion of the Akashic Substance, thus bringing into manifestation a lower form of the same basic substance—the substance of the Etheric plane, known to man as Electricity, visible fire,—flame.

When two poles of a static electrical machine are brought within a certain distance from each other the awakened energy will leap from one pole to the other, filling the space between with flame. This phenomenon corresponds to that referred to in the Sloka quoted above. The circumscribed space is a field created for the purpose of bringing into manifestation the hitherto concealed and undifferentiated substance by and in which the ex-car-nated souls of a former race of beings might be again informed. Thus was made room for the feet of the Fifth, the next succeeding race.

Light, in manifestation as Flame, is the carrier of the life principle and is also the vehicle of lower manas (mind). The feet are a symbol of understanding, solidity, perception; therefor this particular period of manifestation also gave birth to the power of perception hitherto concealed in Light. The word Light as herein used does not mean the sunlight of the physical plane. It means the Light of the Akashic plane, the Light of the Central Spiritual Sun, and primarily the Light of Divine Will and Wisdom.

To quote from Genesis again, "God *said* let there be light and there *was* light," in other words, the creative Word, the energy of Sound, brought forth Light from darkness as before stated.

The Demi-gods are a certain order of the elemental forces. They are the builders of form according to the lines established by Infinity from the beginning of creation. As God "made man in His own image," so these semi-divine forces termed Demi-gods cast their privations of form, the reflections or shadows of themselves, within the aforementioned circumscribed Space, into and around which the said elemental forces would subsequently build the individual forms of all incarnating lives, whether of suns, stars, planets, kingdoms of nature or man.

The First-born, here referred to, are the first perfectly formed, mentally endowed creations of the age under consideration, not endowed with the higher mentality of the races of human beings

of this present round of the age, but nevertheless endowed with the attributes of the lower mind with all its desires, passions and instincts.

It has been said that a tribe of men has been recently discovered in Africa by a noted traveler that typify the humanity of the last mentioned age. The shape of the head as described, and the absence of all characteristics save those of primitive man, would indicate that such a conclusion was justified.

The Head of the Mighty One symbolically is Universal intelligence, the power of the Spiritual or Higher Mentality. The Flaming Swords which sprang from the head are the powers and principles of Will. Secondarily they are powers of Good and Evil, the Positive and Negative currents of the principle of lower mind. At the beginning of the period here indicated the Firstborn were evidently feeling acutely the action of these two currents, tempting them into or dissuading them from, different lines of action which would aid or hinder their development. As they were not yet conscious of the Divine power which was leading them on to a higher state of development they fluctuated between, "darted behind or before" one of the other of the "Flaming Swords," as the case might be. They instinctively felt the coming of some great event which would result in a change of condition, but could not understand the character of the coming change, therefore were thrown into a state of confusion.

Symbolically the Great Red Cow typifies the Great Mother principle, the power which protects and nourishes its offspring, the power of self-sacrifice. This particular symbol as here indicated is red in color because red is the color of the life principle, the creative principle of physical life. It is a symbol of sacrifice, and the Great Mother is a continuous living sacrifice for the benefit of her offspring so long as they remain in bond to matter.

Hitherto, the masculine, the positive currents of life had dominated and controlled the races in manifestation. The dim realization of coming change would naturally *incite the individual members* of the said races to seek for an extension or increase of the benefits to be derived from such protection and nourishment as might be afforded them by the feminine, the Mother currents, typified by the Red Cow.

The Milk of the Cow is indicative of conserved, consecrated Spiritual and Mental nourishment.

In interpreting the second Sloka of the Stanza, it must be understood that the races of the period referred to in the first Sloka

had not developed to the point where they might be endowed with Higher Mind. But a very limited number of individuals had entered upon their "second Initiation in the Great White Lodge of humanity," as that body is represented by the Masters in some of their private instructions to disciples. But there were individual members of more highly evolved races in incarnation in previous ages who had attained to certain degrees of knowledge and power and were known as "the Twice-born—the Initiated—the Lords of the Sacred Mystic Fire." These Initiates had incarnated again to help on the evolution of the races with which they were Karmically identified.

With the endowment of the Higher Mind, the Ego—the Divine soul—takes full possession of the individuality. Man is free to rise to immeasurable heights or sink to corresponding depths, but he can never more be the irresponsible creature he formerly was. He has entered the Central Flame of the "Great Initiation Chamber,"—the Sacred Mystic Fire—figuratively speaking, and the flames will purify or destroy the elemental substance of his lower desires and passions.

The Rivers of Water and Wine are typical of the results of the long life experiences of the neophyte;—the Water of regeneration, the Wine—of spiritual knowledge; both of which are necessary to quench the thirst of desire for self-gratifications in any form and at any cost.

B. S.

OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS.

Second Series. No. X.

CONSCIOUSNESS.

The Mystery of Consciousness is the primal mystery. In Consciousness is synthesized all Qualities of the Phenomenal world manifesting in endless diversity as colors, sounds, forces, elements, metals, electrons, atoms, molecules, minerals, vegetables, animals, humans, Gods, and so on.

Consciousness is of two kinds, namely, ABSOLUTE CONSCIOUSNESS and RELATIVE CONSCIOUSNESS. No finite mind can comprehend Absolute Consciousness because it is Consciousness without conditions, limitations or relations of any kind whatsoever. *Therefore all we know of consciousness is relative.*

Were you to awaken some fine morning and find that the universe had disappeared in the night, that this planet on which you lived had vanished, that the house you lived in had been dis-

sipated, that the room in which you had gone to sleep was no more, that the bed on which you slept was also gone, that your body also was no more, that even your astral and inner bodies on the plane of form had all likewise disappeared, you would certainly be bewildered to put it mildly, for, if you were capable of thinking at all (which you would not be) you would have no longer any sense of proportions or relations, for all relativity would have disappeared with the disappearance of the phenomenal world which is *based on* relativity or the relations of one thing to another (space), or the sequence or one event to another (time), and thus both space and time would also have disappeared and you would then be in a state (which is no state) of ABSOLUTE CONSCIOUSNESS which is exactly the same as a state of ABSOLUTE UNCONSCIOUSNESS, just as a state of *Absolute Motion* is the same as a state of *Absolute Rest*.

We may get a glimmering or a suggestion of what Absolute Consciousness is perhaps by analogy, likening it to the White Synthetic Light. In that White Light all colors have disappeared. That White Light is *No Color*, yet has in it *absolutely All Color*. Has in it *absolutely* all color because while in the Silence of that White Light colors are without conditions, limitations, or differentiations.

Relative consciousness is entirely of the phenomenal world, and functions on the four lower planes of being. It is the result of a *cognition of relations by the Light of Intelligence inhering in Substance-matter itself*, meaning the matter of all planes. This Light of Intelligence senses itself reflected—mirrored—from plane to plane and between planes and sub-planes, and this reflection of intelligence is relative consciousness, or consciousness as our finite minds understand the term.

Thus everything we see or sense is a reflection of OURSELVES or some ASPECT OF OURSELVES from one plane or another. Thus, when you look into the face of a friend or enemy, an angel or devil, or of the myriad units of humanity around you, you are simply COGNIZING A REFLECTION OF YOURSELF or some aspect or phase of yourself, as the same is reflected from various planes or sub-planes back to you and the same with the other units who sense your reflection on their own MIRRORS OF MENTALITY. This brings us back to the basic primal truth that in the ultimate, it is Atma, the White Light of Consciousness which is the Real Knower, which in the final analysis *senses* and *realizes* the phenomenal world synthetically—and thus perfectly.

W. H. D.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

The science of Eugenics is attracting world-wide attention at the present time; and in a number of states in the United States some radical legislation more or less frenzied has been enacted, with the good motive, however, of making it possible for humanity to be born with better and purer bodies.

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In Wisconsin an unwise and ignorant legislature has enacted laws that practically prohibit marriage in that state if the law is enforced or observed. Every applicant for marriage must have a doctor's certificate that they are fitted to marry, and just what the Doctor should do and his fee of \$3 for every examination is fixed by the State. To make out that certificate the physician would have to submit his patient to ten or twelve laboratory tests, each one of which would cost from five to fifteen dollars even if the physician has such a laboratory, which the average physician has not. The consequence will be probably that no Doctor in Wisconsin will undertake to furnish a health certificate and without these there can be no marrying—and there you are!

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Humanity vibrates between the extremes always. There is no doubt that there should be wise supervision of those contemplating matrimony that the race may be improved, and that degeneracy and criminality be eliminated.

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Every human being has a right to be well born with a sound body and a sound mind and in wholesome environment. That insures a good start in the battle of life. There is surely no Science of greater import to this planet and its humanity than this new, old science of Eugenics, and its revival in this age is simply another indication of the truth that everything is working together to prepare and usher in the New Humanity who will be a god indeed compared to past humanity.

W. H. D.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—No. 111

LIFE STORIES.

PART 7.

The changes that take place in boys and girls as they enter manhood and womanhood are different. A boy develops in a general way. His voice grows deeper, his body becomes more man-like, his will and desires stronger and more determined, and he feels himself larger and greater in every way.

The changes that take place with girls are more definite, serious and delicate. This is because the duties of motherhood rest upon them later, and a great preparation has to be made for so wonderful a service.

Each little child that is born into the world first grows safe and happy within its own dear mother's body where it can be loved and protected best of all. So long before girls become old enough to be mothers themselves their bodies are preparing for such an event if it should ever come to them.

There is in the body of every girl an organ called the ovary that corresponds to the seed-cradle of the plants. Just as the plant seeds are enclosed within the plant ovary so there are numerous ova or human life-seeds within the human ovary. These ova or life seeds have been given their name from a Latin word meaning egg, and contain within them the nucleus or seeds of life.

These ova are very small, about a twentieth of an inch in size. Some of them mature every twenty-eight days. They bud out from the surface of the ovary and fall into a lace network of tendrils. From there they pass on into little tubes, down through the creative organs, and are cast from the body in a blood-like fluid.

This sometimes frightens young girls if they do not know what is happening, but there is no reason for fright even though it might be accompanied with considerable pain. Nature is simply carrying out her normal process.

Care should be taken, however, not to overstrain in any way, to get chilled or wet. Anything like exposure or overwork at such times may cause much needless suffering which could have been easily avoided by having had a little knowledge on the subject.

It may seem strange that this process occurs as often as every twenty-eight days, but nature always provides abundantly to insure a continuous line of life for every creature. She knows that

many human seeds as well as plant or animal seeds will never reach fruition, and so she provides plentifully that there may be no chance of extinction or failure of reproduction if it is desired.

As was said in "Life Stories," No. 4, a child can only be born when the father-mother are drawn together in greatest love.

This should only occur after girls and boys are grown into women and men, and are established in their own homes in beautiful, sacred married life.

So all young people need to think about as they are growing up is to grow well, pure, and true; beautiful in soul and mind, and to keep themselves unspotted from evil thoughts and habits that will prevent them from entering into these more serious relationships later on.

And now, dear children, dear young people, as this is the last of the Life Stories, for the present at least, let us take this little motto for ourselves as a little helper to guide us through life, that we may overcome all temptation and our lives be a blessing, not only to ourselves, but all with whom we may come in contact:

A mind full of light,
A heart full of love,
A body sweet and clean
Will guide me aright.

WORKING PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY.

(A GUIDE FOR TEACHERS.)

Follow general Subject and Plan for year as in January.

February—St. Valentine's Month.

Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays.

Songs—Valentine Song. E. H. Haworth.

Lincoln. E. H. Haworth.

Washington. E. H. Haworth.

Builders' Birthday Song.

Lesson: Life Stories, No. 7.

Right Force—Unselfish Thought for Others.

Right Time—When others need us.

Right Way—The Way of True Principle.

Motto—"United in things certain.

Liberal in things doubtful.

In all things charitable."

The Child—Studies Himself.

(a) Three Planes of Consciousness.

Spirit—Heroic, Brave, Gentle.

Mind—Alert, Active.

Body—Strong, Vigorous, Enduring.

Song—We March, We March to Victory.

Agents (b) Pranic, Life Force—Astral, Activity. Messengers, Valentine Missives—Kama Rupa, strength—Kama Manas, will. Scent, Taste, Sight, Touch, Playmates.

Correspondences (c) Sunlight—Rainbow, Promise, Moonbeam—Iron, strength—Mars lead, impenetrability, Saturn.

Home—(a) Father, Mother, Brother, Sister.

Song—Father, Mother, Brother, Sister.

Story—The Masters. Part 1, Lesson 82.

(b) Qualities of Each in Nature.

(c) Application of each in Nature.

Occupation—Paper Folding—Making Valentines—Painting February Poster for Year Book. Valentine Suggestions—Symbols of Heroism.

(This may be omitted in January program. Poster designating Time Symbols should have been drawn, Clock, Sun, Dial, Hour Glass, Shadow Stick.)

Story—The Masters. Part 2, Lesson 83.

Song—Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime.

Nature—(a) Three Planes in Nature..

Mountains—Man—Stars.

(b) Seven Agents of Nature.

Wind, Lightning, Ocean Currents, River Currents, Earthquakes, Rain and Snow Storms.

(c) Appropriate Illustrations and Observations.

School—(a) Spirit—Perseverance.

(b) Thought—Aspiring.

(c) Actual Work—Practical—Manual Training.

Exercises—Cutting Wood for Log Cabins—Marching—Crossing the Delaware on Ice—Messenger Service—Running.

Games—Blowing a Feather. Butterfly (Handkerchief tossing, not allowing it to rest on one—or he is caught by leader.) Building the Fort.

(Two leaders choose children from group which is guarded by representative of each side. The one obtaining most children, and places them in true square, builds the Fort.

Community—

(a) Spirit—Free.

(b) Laws that will help rich and poor.

(c) Protection of animals. Courtesy in business.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

BRAINS.

A successful young business man was discussing the other day the kind of brains which it took to be a successful young business man. It seemed from his account to require a very peculiar and

very exalted type of brains and many of them. All persons not natively endowed with these were of unworthy intellectual timbre and perennially open to the condemnation which must fall upon the life and efforts of all whose cranial cells are not of ultra-grey.

Not only this, but it seemed that those who possess the cell, fibre, fissure and convolution of commercial brain were omnisciently ordained to the judgment-seat, for the reason that they are able to do all of the things which common humanity can do, whereas common humanity can in no wise do the things which the commercial brain can do—nor can even understand how they are done.

It is refreshing to turn from this swansong of the financial glee-club to the byways of real life.

In a little old country school a little old country teacher is handling a class of a dozen beginners in reading. It is astonishing to note the number of tricks the lady has at her finger-ends looking toward the furthering of this prodigious accomplishment. This little person has to teach written language to the human consciousness, but at the same moment she has to wrestle with thirty children of other grades, each one of which is a separate psychological phenomenon. Of such as this woman is that wonderful other woman who taught the deaf, dumb, and blind Helen Keller to hear, speak, and write.

How many *ordinary* business men are there who could encompass the first of these problems with continuous and persistent success? How many *exceptional* business men are there who could encompass the teaching of Helen Keller?

In the current issue of the *Metropolitan* is a most profoundly interesting article on co-operation in Denmark. This little country has been changed from a condition of medieval beggarliness to one of widespread affluence, an affluence which reaches to almost every peasant in the field. Denmark is a barren rock with a dense population, and yet abject poverty is unknown. To what super-grey matter in what business brain does Denmark owe this? Turning to the article we are struck to notice that no man's name appears at all! What? No great giant financial intellect behind all this magnificent commercial success? Apparently no. No brain behind this transcendent metamorphosis but the despised headpiece of the man with the hoe! In this whole article no man's name is mentioned at all, and yet this peasant union has blotted out half a dozen malignant trusts organized and operated by the mercantile super-brain. Denmark might be called the only really successful nation in Europe; it is rapidly becoming a co-operative com-

monweal; but it has become what it is, with the opposition, and in no case with the aid of, the shrewd Threadneedle street and Wall Street brain. It could very definitely be asseverated that there has never lived a business man whose so-called genius could ever have produced such a result in the face of such apparently insuperable barriers.

All that the shrewd brain does is to stuff money into the purse. It creates nothing. It really wins nothing. By a mysterious system the laborer is despoiled of most of his product. This product goes to a few tricksters who control the system. The tricksters fight or gamble with each other to see which shall inherit the earth. The winning trickster is your friend with the ultra-grey rays. The laboring class that produced it all is the also-ran.

How much better, how much more intelligent we shall be when our business men rise to the status of the co-operating Danish peasant and forget it! This introspection of head is an immoral issue. It isn't a question of how can a swelled head produce a swelled pocket, but how can we all forget the size of our head in being busy in the general service of the human race. The Danish field laborer is showing the road; all that the modern successful young business man now has to do is to walk in it.

SYDNEY HILLYARD.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Meriden Square, Connecticut, reports having to get a larger hall for its public meetings. This Temple Square is of the 'Old Guard' order and sends forth great bombs of light in all directions.

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Mr. Tonner from the State of Washington is an acquisition to the Temple Headquarters staff of workers. There seems nothing that Brother Tonner cannot turn his hand to with power and effect.

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Mrs. J. W. Dower, Florence, and Mrs. M. K. Lowe visited Santa Barbara the past month for several days enjoying seeing our sisters, Alma and Emma Oviat, and doing some Temple propaganda work to good purpose incidentally.

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Brother W. H. Townsend is still at the Centre as helpful as ever, and just doing the right thing at the right time—true occultism.

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